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## THERE ARE HUMAN REASONS WHY THOUSANDS OF CHICAGO FANS HONOR FRANK CHANCE

The Game of Baseball Is a Clean, Honest Sport, While Business and Politics Are Full of Dirty Tricks-So All Admire the Manhood of an Honest Sportsman.

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There's something wholesome about the popularity of a baseball general. While I never met Frank Chance I am getting some enjoyment today out of the tribute the baseball fans of Chicago are paying him. I think thousands who never met him will get enjoyment out of it.

And one reason for it is that our better natures are aroused. There is no sting for anybody else in the open demonstration the fans are making of their admiration for Chance. It isn't like the enthusiasm over the victory of a popular politician, or the triumph in battle of a great warrior; for in politics and in war there are vanquished as well as victors, sorrow as well as joy.

We are naturally partisans. We like to see Chicago win. But here comes a man who has led Chicago to victory on many occasions and on many baseball fields; he comes as the commanding general of the opposition—but not the enemy. Still Chicago turns out in thousands to honor him; at the same time hoping he won't win today's game.

But there is more back of this friendliness for Chance than his great success as a leader of the Chicago Cubs in years past. The kind of man and sportsman he is has much to do with it; for the American people love a good, square sportsman.

How different baseball is from politics. Those actively engaged in the political game grow to hate their fellows on the other side; and sometimes desperate and dirty tricks are resorted to in order to win. And when a man has won, the opposition—the enemy—watches him like a hawk to get something on him and destroy his popularity with the people.

Politics isn't a square sport. It's a business. And business is full of

unscrupulous competition and dirty tricks.

I think I can understand why so many business men love baseball. It